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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it has no other name in ordinary parlance. I understand that the workers in the clow and card rooms of spinning mills in England complain of cough bronchitis and asthma which subside as soon as the work is stopped."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has this disease anything to do with widowers, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it has probably something to do with newly married people." (Laughter.)

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMY PILLAI :—" Sir, I know that there are certain workers in the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills who are found to be suffering from this disease. I would like to know whether the Government would make the necessary investigation among the workers of these mills and have this disease notified as an occupational disease? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the hon. Member may write to the Government about this and I shall have enquiries made."

Concessional bus fare for voters

* 765 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government instructed any bus transport owners of Malabar to carry passengers who produced slips from certain recognized persons at rates lower than the minimum of five annas prescribed, so as to help voters who were expected to vote for Congress in the recent Malabar District Board elections ;

(*b*) whether the Palghat Central Transport Authority allowed such concessions as mentioned in clause (*a*) ; and

(*c*) if so, at whose instance?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

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Beedi industry

* 766 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state— 11-10 a.m.

(*a*) whether any offer of financial assistance to give protection to the beedi industry has been received from the Central Government ; and

(*b*) if so, the method by which protection is to be given to beedi industry in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir

" (*b*) Does not arise."